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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S INTERVIEW WITH GERMAN NEWSPAPER

FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY BRUSSELS TRANSLATION OF GERMAN TEXT OF  
INTERVIEW GIVEN BY SECRETARY TO GERMAN NEWSPAPER BILD ZEITUNG  
IN BRUSSELS ON DECEMBER 8. INTERVIEW IS TO APPEAR IN PAPER  
DECEMBER 10.

BEGIN QUOTE:

QUESTION:

YOU ENJOYED BEING SECRETARY OF STATE. DO YOU FIND IT DIFFICULT  
TO LEAVE?

THE SECRETARY:

IN A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IT IS INEVITABLE THAT CHANGES OCCUR.  
I HAVE GOTTEN USED TO MY POSITION, MY SUCCESSOR IS AN EXCELLENT  
MAN AND I FEEL THAT POLICIES WILL BE CONDUCTED ALONG THE SAME  
MAIN LINES. THUS I AM LEAVING WITH INNER PEACE.

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QUESTION:

YOU ARE COMING FROM ACADEMIA, ARE YOU RETURNING TO ACADEMIA,  
HARVARD?

THE SECRETARY:

AS LONG AS I AM IN OFFICE, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO MAKE A  
DECISION, BUT I WOULD PRESUME THAT I WOULD DO DIFFERENT THINGS,  
NOT JUST ONE CAREER.

QUESTION:

HAS THERE BEEN A PERIOD DURING YOUR TERM WHEN YOU SAID: "NOW,  
I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE THE SCENE," WHEN YOU WERE DISAPPOINTED--  
VIETNAM, MIDDLE EAST?

THE SECRETARY:

THERE ARE ALWAYS TIMES IN THESE COMPLICATED SITUATIONS WHEN YOU WISH  
YOU WERE NOT THERE. BUT IN GENERAL, THERE WAS NO POINT AT WHICH  
I WAS SERIOUSLY THINKING THAT I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COPE.

QUESTION:

WAS THERE ONE POINT DURING YOUR TERM AT WHICH YOU BELIEVED: NOW  
WE ARE REALLY CLOSE TO WAR, NAMELY DURING YOM KIPPUR?

THE SECRETARY:

THERE WERE CERTAIN TIMES WHEN I THOUGHT THAT THE DANGER OF WAR  
WAS GREATER THAN BEFORE. BUT DURING THE YOM KIPPUR WAR, THERE  
WAS AT LEAST ONE NIGHT WHEN I BELIEVED THAT A CERTAIN DANGER  
WAS THERE.

QUESTION:

COULD YOU SLEEP?

THE SECRETARY:

THE STRANGE THING IN THAT SITUATION WAS THAT I ALWAYS KNEW THAT  
I HAD DONE EVERYTHING I COULD. PERHAPS I HAD NOT DONE THE RIGHT  
THING, AND I CANNOT REMEMBER WHETHER AT SOME POINT I COULD NOT  
SLEEP, BUT DURING THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT I HAD TO BE IN THE OFFICE  
UNTIL 4 A.M. ANYWAY. SO IT WAS AN ABSTRACT PROBLEM.

QUESTION:

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DR. KISSINGER, WHAT DOES YOUR WIFE SAY? IS SHE HAPPY TO SEE MORE  
OF YOU?

THE SECRETARY:

MY WIFE IS SOMEWHAT RELIEVED.

QUESTION:

ONE ALWAYS HEARD THAT SHE SAID YOU WERE NEVER AT HOME, ALWAYS

AT THE OFFICE OR TRAVELLING.

THE SECRETARY:

BY AND LARGE SHE HAS BEEN VERY COURAGEOUS, BUT I THINK SHE IS  
HAPPY THAT I AM LEAVING NOW.

QUESTION:

ONE LAST QUESTION WITH RESPECT TO POLITICS. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT  
THE POLICIES THAT YOU HAVE CONDUCTED -- THE EUROPEAN POLICY, THE  
DEFENSE POLICY -- WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONDUCTED ALONG  
THE SAME LINES.

THE SECRETARY:

I WOULD EXPECT SO, YES.

QUESTION:

YOU HAVE BEEN CITED AS BELIEVING THAT IN TEN YEARS WESTERN EUROPE  
WOULD TURN SOCIALIST, IN A MARXIST SENSE.

THE SECRETARY:

I HAVE NEVER SAID THAT. IT IS NOT MY OPINION. I THINK THAT THE  
WEST HAS ALL THE MATERIAL POSSIBILITIES TO SOLVE ITS PROBLEMS  
IF WE DO PSYCHOLOGICALLY AND POLITICALLY WHAT IS NECESSARY. IF  
WE EXPLAIN TO OUR PEOPLE THAT THEY HAVE TO MAKE SACRIFICES FOR  
SECURITY AND AT THE SAME TIME CONDUCT A DETENTE POLICY, AND THAT  
THE COHESION OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE.  
THEN I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS. I  
HAVE NEVER PREDICTED, AND I DO NOT BELIEVE, THAT THE FUTURE OF THE  
WORLD WILL BE MARXIST.

QUESTION:

IF THIS IS SO, THEN OUR CHILDREN WILL STILL GROW UP AND LIVE IN  
FREEDOM?

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THE SECRETARY:

THIS IS OUR DUTY, AND THIS SHOULD BE OUR PURPOSE.

QUESTION:

ONE LAST QUESTION: ARE YOU WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS? SOMETIME SOON?

THE SECRETARY:

SOMETIME, BUT NOT FOR A FEW YEARS.

QUESTION:

THANK YOU MR. SECRETARY.

END QUOTE KISSINGER

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